2023 Stockbridge-Munsee Primary Candidate List

**Vice President**
- Duffek, Gregg
- Kroening, Craig (Tully)
- Miller, Greg
- Putnam, Matthew

**Treasurer**
- Bowman, Jolene
- Putnam, Sara
- Terrio, Terrie K

**Tribal Council Member**
- Davids, Bert
- Duffek, Jill
- Gardner, Charles
- Kazik, Ella
- Malone, Jayci
- Malone, Marv (Buttons)
- Miller, Alan (AJ)
- Miller, Chad
- Miller, Joe
- Miller, Terrance (Moonie)
- Miller, Todd
- Miller, Willy
- Moede, Shawn
- Mohawk, Jeremy
- Schreiber Sr, Sterling
- Smith, Blake
- Terrio, William (Bill)
- Vele, Gloria
- Welch, Martin
- Williams, Regina

**Bolded** names provided a platform to the Mohican News for this issue.

Hello,
My name is Gregg W. Duffek and I am nominated and seeking your vote for the Council Vice-President position this fall. I am a proud father, grandfather and Veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

What do you want from a Tribal Leader? We are not here to advance our self as an individual, but rather advance our Community. Time to move forward. We need to allow every department to be led based on knowledge by the Team. Making procedure work for your family and not others is about as old as it gets around here. It is time to make the managers manage and be held responsible for their Team’s performance. Many Tribal members do not work here because the pay is so appealing. We work here because we want our Tribe to succeed.

Greeting relatives, my heart is full of love and appreciation. Serving on tribal council has allowed me to challenge myself in a way I never imagined and to grow both personally and professionally. And I forever am indebted to our membership, to have had the opportunity to represent you on so many levels and capacities, it has truly been and honor and privilege and one of the most enriching experiences of my life. Thank you for the love support, teachings and honor.

The past several years has been tough and very and mentally challenging for so many, myself included. One of the biggest global crises in generations, the COVID-19 pandemic has had severe and far-reaching repercussions for health systems, economies and societies. Compounded by storms of 2022 that devastated our nation.

I’ve learned it’s okay to recognize that self-worth comes wrapped in...
2023 FALL CLEANUP

- The Fall Cleanup will occur on two days (Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17) with curbside cleanup on Monday and appliance/electronics recycling on Tuesday. Curbside cleanup is open for Bartelme tribal members ONLY. Appliance/Electronics recycling is open to Bartelme AND Red Springs tribal members. Items not allowed in the curbside cleanup will NOT be picked up. Any curbside items not picked up must be removed from the end of your driveway and disposed of properly.
- All items collected curbside are NOT RECYCLED, but disposed of in a landfill. Recycling or reusing items by passing them on to others can save landfills space, limit costs and help others. Anything that you can donate to Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity or schools can be reused.

Residential Curbside Cleanup
Monday, October 16

Bartelme Tribal Members ONLY

Place items curbside beginning Monday, October 9

Have ALL items curbside by $5.00 am on Monday of the Cleanup event

Items not picked up MUST be removed from end of driveway at end of event

FREE pickup for ONLY the items listed below during Fall Cleanup:

- Bed Frames / Head Boards
- Mattresses / Box Springs
- Fitness Equipment
- Large Plastic Toys
- Bikes
- Windows
- Hard Fiberglass (4ft or less)
- Gabinets
- Carpet Rolls (5ft or less)
- Dressers
- Chairs / Recliners
- Toilets
- Couches / Sofas
- Grills
- Doors

Items Not Allowed: NO Construction Debris, Hazardous Material, Tires, Appliances or Electronics

Volume: Total Volume MUST NOT exceed 4 cubic yards per residence (about 4 ft tall x 5 ft long x 5 ft wide in size)

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APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Tuesday, October 17 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bartelme AND Red Springs Tribal Members

Place Appliances and Electronics into Appropriate Dumpsters at P&E and Roads Department

Appliance Recycling

Appliances WITHOUT Freon:
- Stoves • Dishwashers • Compactors • Water Heaters • Washers • Dryers

Appliances WITH Freon:
- Refrigerators • Freezers • Air Conditioners • Water Coolers • Dehumidifiers

*Fee for appliances with freon can be paid at the Finance Department. ***Proof of payment required for drop-off***

Electronics Recycling

- Computer Accessories
- Computer Monitors
- Computer Towers
- Computer Parts
- Type Writers
- DVDs / VCRs / Blu Ray Players
- Fax / Copiers / Scanners
- Radios / Stereos
- Microwaves
- Mobile Phones
- Telephones
- Televisions
- Laptops
- Printers

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North Star Mohican Casino Resort’s 25th Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing Raises Almost $24,000

North Star Mohican Casino Resort’s 25th annual golf outing raised nearly $24,000 benefiting the Wolf River Habitat for Humanity and its vision to build strength, stability and self-reliance for families in Shawano and Menominee counties. This year’s event took place at Pine Hills Golf Course in Gresham, Wisconsin, on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

“We are pleased to be hosting the 25th annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing at Pine Hills. North Star Mohican Casino’s hosting of the Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing exemplifies our dedication to giving back to the community and supporting important causes” said Tony Granquist, North Star Mohican Casino Resorts General Manager. Through this partnership, both organizations were able to make a positive impact and raise funds for affordable housing initiatives.

Pine Hills course hosted the event and had all 72 carts on the course for the day. Raffle tickets, 50/50 and other fundraising efforts were made throughout the day to raise as much as possible. Raffles prizes varied from golf related item to paintings and sponsored logoed items. The 50/50 raffle winner donated back the 300-dollar winnings.

Local fundraising events are the only financial support that Wolf River Habitat obtains, as it does not receive any monies from the national organization. This year’s event, with the help of North Star Mohican Casino Resort team members, Habitat For Humanity volunteers and numerous companies donating raised approximately $24,000.

Thomas Kazik II

I’m honored to be nominated to run for Tribal Council. Being 26 years young and hearing the support I have from the community makes my decision to decline running this year very hard. At this moment in time I feel I can not fully fill the position needs as a council member. I look forward to running next election in 2024 and I hope that you will consider me for the future, when I can dedicate the time and effort needed to serve this tribe and our community the right way.

Duffek cont from pg One: As a community,
We cannot hire people with expertise, then turn around and tell them what to do. We should hire people with expertise and expect them to advise us. This only works if you are willing to accept advice from others. If you are paying someone to just run errands, then don’t post for higher levels of experience and education. If you are looking for higher skills, then expect them to recommend what is needed to make our community stronger. Let members know these recommendations and follow some advice of family leaders in our community. If you have a personal agenda, then you will probably not like what others have to say about moving forward.

The drug issues in our community are destroying families and our way of life as a tribe. Drug abuse affects virtually every family on our reservation. Children need a family to grow up with and parents to guide them. Elder abuse is worsened as family members steal and often forceelders to give up their medications or money. Elders need to feel safe throughout our Community. If you want to ask them to share their knowledge and experiences, then provide them an ear and actually listen to some good ideas. Maybe, just maybe they will not tell you what to do, but will tell you what not to do!

If the sign of a Youth Treatment facility doesn’t affect you, then who knows what will. A strong workforce with a common objective can be achieved. Make wages coincide with responsibility to our Community. Insist all of Tribal Council be accountable along with Directors. If staff need to be accountable, then lead by example. If there is no report of activity and all we get is “you elected me to make these decisions”, then we need to reorganize our way of reporting on those decisions you are making. Provide updates good or bad. Check our website. We could use updates to all departments and from our leaders. Every Tribal employee should have their correct phone number listed on our website and in the signature line in their email. It should not be a game to contact any of our staff about our needs.

Look at what each current council member has done to advance our community not just their own family members. Do they bring forth ideas? Do they listen to your ideas? Free thinking and speech are not only rights, but each are an essential trait for leading a nation. We have work to do here. I am willing to do it with those who see change is needed to strengthen our Community and repair our families.
Beyond that you notice the machinery for the students. New classroom, from there with the construction of a construction lab. Newly finished mobile will now get to utilize a School helped build and National Indian Education Association (NIEA), Bowler, National Indian grant challenge won by the classrooms. Also due to a livestock animals and aquaponics, an area for agriculture facility, totaling 4,500 square feet, includes a greenhouse, along with facilities for aquaponics, an area for livestock animals and classrooms. Also due to a grant challenge won by the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), Bowler School helped build and will now get to utilize a newly finished mobile construction lab. The Tech ed facility starts with the construction of a new classroom, from there you walk into the old shop garage. Built off the old is the new welding, fabrication bay loaded with all sorts of machinery for the students. Beyond that you notice the

new automotive bay fitted with a car lift and adequate space for students to work around and under vehicles and tools. The Ag facility starts with 6 different classrooms, then walking back into the new construction you can either head into the hydroponics specified room, that also leads you to the new and improved greenhouse. The other room leads you into a livestock area, fitted with stalls for livestock to be held in.

Superintendent Glenda Butterfield-Boldig noted "The primary responsibility of public school is to provide high quality education that allows a graduate to find success in whatever future they choose. The small rural districts, like bowler often find themselves at a disadvantage or and opportunity gap compared to larger districts". The College of Menominee Nation, the National Indian Education Association, Core Learning Exchange, and Bowler School District will be officially revealing to the community a newly finished mobile construction lab, as well as showcase the programs, such as virtual reality, that are taking place. NIEA received $500,000 and was one of 25 winners of the Catalyze Grant Challenge. The Challenge aims to fund and share ideas that rethink the connections among K-12, post-secondary education, and career for students in grades 6-14, with a focus on reaching students from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

This project, "Building Career Pathways for Native Students," is a middle school to post-secondary pathway that utilizes community resources and partnerships to build interest and credentialing for construction trades. The project is open to all students, but emphasizes utilizing the tribal college access to build a Native workforce for three Wisconsin tribal nations: Menominee, Oneida, and Stockbridge.

Mary Rose Miller, age 57, of Bowler, passed away surrounded by family on August 25, 2023, in Wausau. She was born on April 16, 1966, to the late Leonard "Jack" and Glenore "Betty" (Beaupre) Miller Jr. in Pontiac, MI. She attended Bowler High School and graduated in 1984. On August 3, 1985, she was united in marriage to the love of her life Wallace "Wally" Miller. She was dedicated to working for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe for 28 years. Mary’s hobbies included riding her motorcycle, rummaging, camping, and cooking. Family and friends always came first in her life, and she loved watching her grandchildren, family, and her friends play sports. She will be dearly missed.

Mary is preceded in death by: her husband Wally; her children Kasha (Sloane) Coyhis and Cody Miller; her grandchildren Romeo Hill, Jaide Hill, Ella Coyhis, Leon Miller, and Delyah Miller; her siblings Linda (David) Bounty, Leonard "John" (Cindy) Miller, and Terence "Terry" (Debbie) Miller. She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service for Mary was held on Wednesday August 30, 2023, at the Church of the wilderness with pastor Paul Johnson officiating. Visitation was held at Swedberg Funeral Home in Gresham on Tuesday August 29, 2023 and again at the church until the time of service www.swedbergfuneralhome.com
Greetings, my name is Jolene Bowman and I wish you all well. I am respectfully asking for your support in attaining the position of Treasurer in the Tribal elections.

I am the daughter of Nathalee Kristiansen and granddaughter of the late Leona and Clarence "Gobe" Bowman. I am running to attain the seat of Treasurer because I appreciate and love our community. My focus is to work collectively on expanding opportunity for the members of the Mohican Nation from the seat of Treasurer.

My relatable work experience begins with 11 years as the Contract and Grants Manager which makes for a natural fit to perform the Treasurer responsibilities. This position covered regulating and administering the implementation and maintenance of a $25 million comprehensive contracts and grants management program. There were 130 different programs, which included overseeing program modifications, budget revisions, and ensuring compliance and recovery of funding that were due to the Tribe.

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My name is Sara Putnam and I am writing to ask for your support for Tribal Treasurer. My parents are Joe and Rosie Putnam. My grandparents were Stephen and Thelma Putnam and Scivio and Loretta Onesti. I was born and raised here in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and I have also raised a family here, 4 daughters and a granddaughter.

I've worked for the Tribe for most of my life in various capacities, most recently in Finance. I'm sure you can all identify with this: I started off as a teen working at the Family Center, then onto Star Club, Bingo Caller, Mail Girl, Economic Support Specialist, Elderly cooking with Randy (he taught me some stuff but I still can’t cook), C-store, Pine Hills, Business Office Manager at the clinic, Accountant, Accountant Supervisor twice and waitressed at the casino. At times I have worked two jobs. I have a very good work ethic and have always done my best, no matter the type of job.

I currently work as an Accounting Manager for a different organization that is much larger than ours, it was a steep learning curve, but things are going well and I have been there about a year and a half now. I have some experience begins with 11 years as the Contract and Grants Manager which makes for a natural fit to perform the Treasurer responsibilities. This position covered regulating and administering the implementation and maintenance of a $25 million comprehensive contracts and grants management program. There were 130 different programs, which included overseeing program modifications, budget revisions, and ensuring compliance and recovery of funding that were due to the Tribe.

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Koolimalsi, my name is Jayci Malone, and I am running for a Tribal Council member seat. I am the daughter of Randy and Kristy (Miller) Malone, granddaughter of Arvid Miller and Bernice (Davids) Miller Pigeon and Arthur and Cleo (Welch) Malone and a mother of three. I was born and raised here but like many others moved away for a while for employment, experience, and opportunity. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and have worked for the tribe in the past as the Family Services Manager, Nurse Manager and Ella Besaw Center Manager. I also worked many years at our casino. In my professional career I have worked for other tribes as well as non-tribal entities gaining some valuable insight and experience along the way.

I hesitated with my decision to accept this nomination, but after much thought I felt the need to use this opportunity to bring forth matters that are quite concerning as a Tribal member, stakeholder to the largest employer in Shawano County, and community member. My hope is that our community will see the need for change and vote accordingly.

When accepting roles in public service, as a public servant, you are exactly that… A Public Servant to the community that elected you. With that being said, we currently have a Tribal President and Council Members who have lost sight of what it means to serve in these capacities. Especially when it comes to transparency and reporting to the very constituents that elected them. No documents or information should ever be withheld or hard to access for Tribal Members. (e.g., financial statements, membership records, land records, special projects, funding requests, monthly meetings, etc.) It is time for new people with new vision, new experiences, and a desire to be honest and true to our people to have a seat at the table.

I am not against enrollment reform, however, what I am against, is Tribal Council disregarding our own constitutional laws. This should be a red flag in all our minds. If they chose to ignore one law or code, what is stopping them from another and another and another? The referendum question regarding the 1940 Roll was not the appropriate legal avenue to change our membership. We must adhere to our constitution and make changes legally through our membership’s voice. The BIA had to explain to our Tribal Council what our constitution says and how to change it. How embarrassing for us members to know that the leaders we have elected are unable to follow our laws. Right now, we have five people picking who they want to be enrolled. I include the president in this number because she does nothing to stop the TC members from acting against the constitution. The president can vote on an issue at any time, not just to break a tie. I have experienced this in my own personal life when submitting an enrollment application for my son. My son’s late great-grandfather, an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation, was counted as a full blood SMC Tribal member by Tribal Council to enroll exactly one great-grandchild. His other great-grandchildren, whose enrollment apps were acted on after, were denied. The blood quantum I received for my baby does not count any blood from this great-grandfather. This can be proven with minutes, directives, and enrollment documents that I have and am willing to share with anyone who doesn’t want to believe what this Tribal Council does with our membership.

There have been incidents of enrolling people who have been dually enrolled in our Tribe and another (constitutional violation), raising and creating blood quantum of people who have been deceased for decades and even an instance of enrolling someone with no SMC blood at all. All these actions are violations of our constitution. Why are we allowing Tribal Council to single handedly DECIDE who is or is not a member of our community? What authority do they have to rewrite, misinterpret, or not share genealogical records of the membership they are elected to serve? WE as a membership have to address this issue and change it the right way. Only then can our community begin to heal from this huge divide the president and her TC members, past and present, have created. I believe that all information about our tribe belongs to us. Sadly, information is not shared and roadblocks are put up to prevent us from accessing it. Open agenda was changed to 5PM and if you ask too many questions, they will end it. The membership minutes are done at “special meetings” held during working hours of the day making it difficult for people to attend. Our leaders add things to the agenda last minute, so no one knows they are being acted on. Some things are just done under the radar altogether, for example: Do you know at some point the tribal president gave herself a huge wage increase? The stipends and pay for TC were increased significantly as well, but why was the membership not consulted? How were these “raises” quantified? How were they justified? As a stakeholder, we have the right to know this information when we ask.

Our constitution is in dire need of updating. However, it is still our constitution, and every tribal council member takes an oath to uphold it. The role of the president was not meant to be the boss over everyone and everything. That is a dictator. The President is NOT the CEO of our Nation. There shouldn’t be directives to employees from the president or any individual TC member without the rest of tribal council knowing (a constitution violation). Employees should also not be handing over information unless it is a request from TC as a whole and required to carry out their (TC) official duties. This is specified in the constitution! We need to not only educate our employees of this but also protect them from this abuse of power. How many employees have heard, “tribal council wants this,” from a member of the president’s executive team, only to ask a TC member individually and find out they knew nothing about it? I know as a former Malone cont on page 7:
Malone cont from pg 6:

tribal manager, I have! When you read the platforms of veteran TC members, some who have served for decades, ask yourself how they do not know the constitution after all these years. We deserve to have leaders that work for us because they want to make our tribe a good place to live, contribute to, and work for. We deserve leaders who are fair and honest. Leaders who truly care about our people and our employees. We need a President who is here for us, someone who wants to solve our issues first, not just talk about them out in the public as a means of self-promotion. We have many Tribal members with expertise in all different industries who we should be working to include in our workforce, not working to exclude! We need leaders who will stop putting up roadblocks to information that rightfully belongs to the people. In the healthcare world we can share information securely electronically. Why can’t the tribe do the same?

Please vote for change at the highest level. Our ancestors never intended for us to be a dictatorship. Tribal members and tribal employees should be able to express their opinions without retaliation against themselves or their loved ones. We deserve leaders who are going to be willing to read, learn and respect our constitution, ordinances and policies and apply them fairly across the board. Let’s bring back pride, honesty, and integrity to our community and with our employees. Vote for change! “Withholding information is the essence of tyranny. Control of the flow of information is the tool of dictatorship.” -Bruce Coville

Greetings,

My name is AJ Miller and I am humbly asking for your vote in the 2023 Primary Election.

I am the son of Alan and Beverly (Welch) Miller, grandson of Paul and Myrtle (Lemieux) Welch. My wife Kathleen and I have been married for 11 years and have two beautiful daughters; Maggie and Moxie.

I have been working for the Tribe for many years in a number of different roles. Over the past six plus years, I have been the Player Development Manager at the North Star Mohican Casino-Resort. I also serve the community as a member of the Investment Committee and the Education Board.

I have associate degrees in Business Administration and Public Administration. Being involved in the community is important for my family and I.

As a Tribal member, I recognize the need for leadership, positive politics, group economics, and business development to achieve growth for the community and our people. This is my priority. I am asking for your support to represent you as a member of the Tribal Council.

Thank you, AJ

Often times the term is thrown around especially during election time, transparency in government but what does it mean?

My name is Chad Miller and I am running for tribal Council. My parents are Donnie and Chris Miller and am the grand child of Lucille “Cille” an Corlyss Miller. Transparency to me means you can’t hide behind executive privilege or fail to explain how decisions are made. Broad interpretations of confidentiality or “what is confidential” and “what is not” can be misused to muddy the waters and mislead the public an or their interpretation of the truth. There are things from a legal perspective that are indeed confidential but a Council should never use the guise of executive privilege to hide behind their choices.

My promise to the community is to ensure transparent and honest leadership and be forthcoming with any decision I make no matter how difficult. I believe our community deserves leadership that is not only clear and concise but also humble and empathetic. If elected I will carry myself in those terms.

Thank you for the nomination and for your consideration.

Annishiik

Koolamalsi: Greetings
Too all my fellow Community Members, a warm and thoughtful Hello. Not being “long winded” I wish to express my gratitude for allowing my continued service to the entire community. I look at this as a great Honor, never to be taken for granted. I would also like to take a moment to thank my Facebook critics, even thou may not realize, they do me a great service by keeping me, ever vigilant. Remember, when you point your finger at someone, look down, there are 3 fingers pointing back at you. Opinions shared are what make a community strong.

Speaking of community, the great storm of June 22 2022 brought this community together in ways not seen in many life times, not only our service workers, but citizens young and old came together to see to the needs of those less fortunate, helping when and where ever needed. The true meaning of community. We continue with Forest salvage operations, affects of which will be felt for generations. The 2 large projects, the new Ella Besaw Assisted living Center, & the Family Center expansion will serve our future needs very well, we look forward to their completion in 2024.

In addition, the re-acquisition of lands in our ancestral home lands represent our continued long-standing historic preservation efforts. Look forward to a full story in upcoming Mohican News. With that said, Ann-ni-shik, thank you for your support.

JOE
Stockbridge-Munsee Community Members –
Greetings. My name is Terrance “Moonie” Miller, and I am seeking your support and vote in this year’s Tribal election(s) to become your representative on the SMC Tribal Council.

As a proven and successful leader of Tribal Businesses for over 30 years, I understand the value and powerful results of working cooperatively to find the right answers by first understanding the root cause or problem instead of just only seeing and addressing the symptoms. I understand that seeking advice and suggestions from others to find those right answers is not a sign of weakness but instead how servant leadership and representative government is supposed to work. I realize that as a leader what I do and say, be it at work, out in public, or on social media matters and it should because as an elected Tribal representative I would also be representing you. I am college educated, yet strongly rooted in common sense. I place value on a person’s word and work hard to keep mine. I am respectful of others. I strive to put Tribal business interests over special interests, act with integrity, and strive to be exceptional instead of expecting to be the exception. I also understand that none of us are as smart as all of us working together to achieve common goal(s). As your next representative of the Tribal Community and its government, I will:

• Seek to promote a positive image of the Tribal Community.
• Work cooperatively to create the greatest good for the greater good of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.
• Listen to shared thoughts and ideas regarding the Tribal Community, its businesses, assets, and its government.
• Seek out and learn from others with relevant information and knowledge on subjects brought to the Tribal Council before decisions are made.
• Put the Interests of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community over special interests.
• Seek to make consistent, rational, and timely decisions (with input) on behalf of the Tribal Community.

Thank you for your time, your support, and for your vote.
Terrance “Moonie” Miller

Hello Community! I would first like to thank anyone who even considers me for the position to represent my community as Tribal Council. I have lived here my whole life and I love this community. I have worked at the Housing Office since 1996…going on 27 years and I love my job. Every year I hear this community expressing how we need change. I think it’s time to give some other tribal members a chance to represent this community. We will not see any change unless we are brave enough to move forward and hear from other people. Let’s move forward as the strong community that I know we are, let’s give some new people a chance to make a difference. Our representatives need to listen to the people, take everyone into consideration and make decisions that are best for everyone. I do not have an educational degree, but I am a hard worker and very passionate about this community. I don’t think you need a degree to listen to people, show respect, be kind and include opinions of others. Thanks again for your consideration,

Shawn Moede.

My name is Regina Williams, and I would appreciate your support in the upcoming elections. My parents are Joe and Rosie Putnam and my grandparents were Thelma and Stephen Putnam and Loretta and Scivio Onesti. I am married to Guy Williams and we have raised our children here for most of their lives. I have lived and worked in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community much of my life but have also lived and worked outside of the Tribe. Both my on and off reservation experiences have taught me lessons that are valuable in my everyday life.

My educational background consists of: Associate’s in Biological Science, Associate’s in Business Administration, Bachelor’s in Business Administration, Master’s in Business Administration with emphasis on Healthcare Administration and Human Resources and I am currently working on a Doctor of Public Administration. Outside of formal education I try to take every opportunity to learn new things.

My employment background consists of: Table Games Dealer & Supervisor, Child support Specialist, Child Support Director, Director of Human Services, Human Resource Manager and most recently I am working as the Director of Hospitality at North Star Mohican Casino Resort.

As a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee community I have sat on several boards: Head Start Policy Council, Election Board, Health Center Board and I am currently serving on the Education Board. I also try to take an active role in the community by attending most Tribal Council meetings when able to, outside of when I worked or lived outside of the area. I feel that tribal member engagement is very important, the Tribal Council is there to act in the best interests of the people, it is important to know what the people think and what they need. It is also the best way to advocate for change within our community.

Some areas that I believe will be important this coming year are housing, expanding our current businesses, providing opportunities for the youth, finding new business

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opportunities, Tribal Member engagement, prioritizing Tribal Member employment in management positions, recruitment, and retention of employees and those are just a few!

I am a hard worker in any job that I do and lead by example. I have high expectations of myself and my teams because I want the best for the organizations I work for and that is even more important to me working for my own Tribe. I pride myself on providing clear, direct, honest communication even when it is hard, or passing along information that people may not want to hear. I also value accountability, we are all human and make mistakes, it is important to take responsibility when that happens. Although I work in gaming, I am still active in the human services realm, assisting with problems and projects and I have been serving on the National Tribal Child Support board for the past 4 years.

In closing I cannot make any promises other than to work hard, be honest, research the information that gets voted on and listen to any feedback provided, both the good and the bad.

Thank you for taking the time to read!

Chiropractors believe that if the spinal column is in the correct position and moving freely, then the nerves in the spine may function at their best, which in turn allows other bodily systems to function at their best. If you have any questions on how Chiropractic can help you – please call the clinic for an appointment – Dr. Tom Wargo

My name is Sterling Schreiber and I am running for a seat on the Tribal Council. I am the son of Ellen Schreiber and the late Duane Schreiber. I have two sons Sterling Jr. and Brock. I am grandfather to Sterling III, Derek, Brett, Brynn, Savanna, Eli and Luken. I have resided on the reservation nearly my entire life. My Stockbridge-Munsee blood comes from the Mohawk and Welch bloodlines. I am employed by the Tribe full-time as a Game Warden and have been in that position for fifteen years. I have worked for the Tribe in various positions for over thirty years. I have previously served on several Tribal Councils for approximately ten years. I have always prided myself on keeping up with current events and paying close attention to the details and asking many, many questions. You can never ask too many questions. It is the sworn duty of the Tribal Council to keep tribal members informed and make sound decisions regarding the future well-being of the tribe and its tribal members. Hold them to it. If you see something you don’t agree with, speak out and let them know. Silence won’t solve the issues that this Tribe faces, it will take the voice of its people. In a small community like ours it is so important for tribal members to get out and VOTE!!!

Thank You
Sterling L. Schreiber

The only way we can achieve this is through transparency:

Daytime Council meetings should only be held in cases of emergency. Recent experiences have shown that council members only recap what happened at regularly scheduled meetings if it benefits them, such as giving themselves raises.

The cost of all travel must be shared upon request, along with a justification and subsequent report. No one should be exempt from this.

The issue of enrollment must be resolved, regardless of the outcome, in order for us to progress. It is currently being used as a means of control, creating divisions between the “haves and have nots.”

Our police department should prioritize being community officers first and Shawano County officers second. We do not need Shawano County’s traffic stings and excessive ticketing. The future lies in hands-on community involvement.

Banishment should be implemented for individuals who pose a threat to the welfare of our Community.

The Tribal Council must have a working strategic plan that is readily available to all members. This will keep everyone informed about ongoing activities and future plans for expansion, such as creating our own affordable housing units.

The excessive use of executive sessions must come to an end. There is no need for a Council Meeting if the majority of it is conducted in secret. Stand behind your word in front of the people, not behind closed doors.

I firmly believe that the role of the Tribal Council is to address the will and needs of the people. The council itself is not qualified to oversee the day-to-day business side of our Nation. In the future, we must establish two separate bodies, one to address physical needs and the other to handle financial matters.

For those who know me, it is evident that I have always placed the Community first, and that has never been questioned. Now, there is another way to ensure the majority’s voice is heard. As an elected official, I will open up the Event Center or the tribal office one Saturday morning each month for genuine Community discussions and listening sessions. This may be an unofficial gathering, but it will provide an opportunity for all voices to be heard, and it will compel other Council Members to step up or reveal their true intentions.

It is time for change.

Matthew J. Putnam

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As I watch as each new generation breaks paradigms and overturns old ways of doing things as a matter of course. This isn’t gratuitous — it’s how we move forward as a society. Each generation of kids will remake the world, and from this we’ll gain all kinds of new discoveries. So, as we age, we have a choice: we can either cling to the world as we shaped it and refuse to engage in the new world our kids’ and next generations are creating, or we can adapt to their world and remain curious, active participants in it. I will continue to work hard, be humble, and kind because tomorrow is not promised and realize that we must take every opportunity to say I love you, because I do, and give our loved ones the time they deserve, because nothing in life is more important than your family and community. I am profoundly grateful to have been in service to you. The highs, the lows, the blessings, the lessons, the setbacks, the comebacks, the love—all of it, much love to all.

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My goals for this year, if elected as Treasurer, are to continue towards mindful spending while continuously monitoring the financial sustainability of our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because to our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because to our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because to our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because to our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because to our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because to our future. It is vital that we spend with a purpose and not just because to our future.

I envision leadership working collectively moving the tribe as a whole forward while preserving resources for those not yet born and for the upcoming generations. Our ancestors sacrificed, so that we would have a better place in the world and it is time to pay it forward while remembering to pay it backward.

I see leadership not infiltrating their opinions in the day to day operations, but rather getting informed on the topic and gathering data that drives their direction. Without informing oneself or having data no one is working for the greater good of all, but rather individual positions, power, or control.

My leadership strengths are built on a solid foundation that consists of a higher education, 33-plus years of tribal work experience, and tribal leadership with values, vision, and vitality. If you support these leadership qualities, support me in the Stockbridge-Munsee tribal elections as Treasurer.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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Mohican – Thank you Jolene Bowman

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Putnam is grateful to the wonderful mentors there that have helped me to be the best I can be at what I do. I believe great mentors are very important to have to be successful and I appreciate them.

I have an associates in Business Administration and a Bachelor’s in Business Management, but like a lot of us, I never really knew what I wanted to “do”, I ended up in Finance and Accounting is really interesting to me because I think it is a lot like detective work. It’s not as routine as you would think, because there is always something to investigate, for example, if a subsystem (like accounts receivable, payables, payroll, a separate software utilized by one of our departments, etc.) balance of an account you are reconciling doesn’t come out to zero when checking it against the General Ledger (the main books), you need to figure out why. Most of the time it is some kind of human error with the debit or credit or timing of the entry, so you have to learn to recognize the patterns of things to watch for that will make your account not balance between all the transactions that are happening in an out of that account in both ledgers.

At about the same time I became Treasurer I decided to go back to school for a second Bachelor’s in Accounting because I really wanted to learn more about topics I didn’t fully understand, enhance my skillset, and further my career. I take one class at a time, so I can really absorb and apply the material. I just finished Auditing Theory and Practice and my current class is Advanced Financial Reporting. I have four classes left to complete this degree. I appreciate my education more now than in the past because it directly relates to my work; and this has helped me a great deal.

I have been Tribal Treasurer for the last two years. I am well-versed in the contracts and grants our tribe receives, as well as the enterprises and proprietary funds of our tribe.

I know how to do a balanced budget. I understand how to read financial statements, for example, Revenue and Expense summary, Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow and how they correlate and work with each other.

I have tried to attend every Investment and 401k Committee meeting scheduled. During this term, I have also attended a few Native American Financial Officers Association (NAFOA) conferences, which cover financial topics affecting Indian Country.

My job is demanding, so I don’t often take off during the day for meetings scheduled during work hours, however I have attended every regular meeting with the exception of a couple in these two years.

I also attend our Round table meetings on Friday mornings, however I did have a period where I had to focus on my job, and did not attend these for several months.

In closing, the only promise I can make is that I will do my best; with the information I’m given – to make the best decisions for us.

I would love to see more people get involved and attend meetings and push for what we need. I wish you all well, no matter the outcome.

-Sara
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